

Appendix A at pages 6-9 of the Response provides a copy of all pending claims for Examiner's convenience.


CONCLUSION

In conjunction with the claim amendments and arguments above, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the new claims and further requests the scheduling of an interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of an official action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, reference 54916-00318USPT.

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